



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Robinson, Binta M.

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Title: **INHIBITION OF RAF KINASE USING SUBSTITUTED
HETEROCYCLIC UREAS**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. The Examiner has provided no proof that an undue search burden exists to examine groups I and II simultaneously. Common structural features such as a urea functionality and the five membered cyclic structure on one side of the urea functional group may prescribe a common search field or strategy for the subject matter of Groups I and II, particularly if a structure search is performed on a computer. Without illustrating a distinct search strategy, the Examiner's division of the subject matter is clearly arbitrary. Further, claims 10 and 14 should be examined as part of the elected subject matter.